FIFTH

REPORT

From the Select Committee on Finance: 1817.

IRISH CIVIL ESTIMATES.

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to inquire into, and state, The INCOME and EXPENDITURE of the United Kingdom, for the Year ended the 5th of January 1817, and also to consider and state the probable Income and Expenditure (so far as the same can now be estimated) for the Years ending the 5th of January 1818 and the 5th of January 1819 respectively, and to report the same, together with their Observations thereupon, from time to time, to The House, and also to consider what further measures may be adopted for the relief of the Country from any part of the said Expenditure, without detriment to the Public Interest;

YOUR Committee have had referred to them, the *Irish* Civil Estimates for the present Year, which are contained in the following List:

Protestant Charter Schools,
Foundling Hospital,
House of Industry,
Richmond Lunatic Asylum,
Hibernian Society for Soldiers Children,
Hibernian Marine Society,
Female Orphan House,
Lock Hospital,
Lying-In Hospital,
Dr. Stevens's Hospital,
Fever Hospital, Cork,
Hospital for Incurables,
Roman Catholic College,
Association for discountenancing Vice,
Green Coat Hospital, Cork,
Cork Institution,
Society for the Education of the Poor,
Belfast Academical Institution,
Dublin Society,
Board of First Fruits,
Linen Manufacture,
Wide-street Commissioners,
Board of Works,
Howth Harbour,
Dunmore Harbour,
Farming Society,
Chairman Board of Inland Navigation,
Stationery, &c. Chief Secretary's Offices,
Printing Proclamations, &c.
Printing Statutes,
Criminal Prosecutions,
Apprehending Offenders,
Non-conforming Ministers,
Seceding Ministers,
Salaries to Lottery Officers,
Pratique Dublin Port,
Clothing Battle-Axe Guards,
Royal Irish Academy,
Civil Contingencies, and Public Officers for Extraordinary Trouble.

These Estimates may be divided into two classes: those which provide for the charge of Institutions of a Charitable nature, and others coming under the meaning of the clause of the Act of Union; and those which are for the Services usually termed Miscellaneous. The amount of the former is £. 252,257; of the latter £. 141,660.

By a clause of the Act of Union, the Parliament of the United Kingdom was bound to provide, that "a sum not less than the sum which has been granted

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"by the Parliament of Ireland on the average of six years immediately pre-
"ceding the first day of January in the year 1800, in Premiums for the internal
"encouragement of Agriculture or Manufactures, or for the maintaining Insti-
"tutions for pious and charitable purposes, shall be applied, for the period of
"twenty years after the Union, to such local purposes in Ireland, in such manner
"as the Parliament of the United Kingdom shall direct." The liberality of Parliament has, however, provided a much larger sum for the purposes above specified than was stipulated for in the Act of Union.

The increase has been chiefly in those Estimates which provide for the support of Charitable Institutions; and with the view of showing the progressive additions which have been made to the sums required for the Civil Services of Ireland, generally, which are provided for by vote of Parliament, Your Committee annex the following Papers, marked N°s 1, 2, & 3.

N° 1 contains "An Account of the Sums granted by the Irish and Imperial Parliaments, in Premiums for the internal encouragement of agriculture and manufactures, and for the maintaining Institutions for pious and charitable purposes, on an average of six years, from the year 1794 to 1813, and also on an average of four years from 1813 to 1st January 1817."

N° 2 contains, "An Account of the Sums granted by the Irish and Imperial Parliaments for Miscellaneous Services, on an average of six years, from the year 1794 to 1813, and also on an average of four years, from 1st January 1813 to 1st January 1817."

N° 3 contains, "A comparative Statement of the amount of the Estimates for the present year, and of the amount of the year preceding;" and the House will perceive with satisfaction that in the estimates, for purposes in the contemplation of that clause of the Act of Union before alluded to, a reduction has been made to the extent of £. 105,377, and in the estimates for Miscellaneous Services to the extent of £. 47,718.

Two Estimates, one under the former head, and one under the latter, have not, however, yet been presented, viz. the Estimate for the charge of the Belfast Academical Institution, which amounted in the last year to £. 1,500; and the additional estimate for the use of the Board of First Fruits, which amounted in the last, as it did in several preceding years, to the sum of £. 50,000.

The only Estimates of this year, to which any increase has been made, as compared with the last, are,—Foundling Hospital; Society for the Education of the Poor, and Seceding Ministers.

Your Committee have observed with satisfaction, that the attention of the Irish Government has been directed to the reduction of the Expenditure of the Board of Works.—The Expenditure of that department, on an average of four years to January 1809, appears to have been £. 54,000; of four years to 1816, £. 34,700; and the Estimate for the Expenditure of this year is reduced to £. 21,500.—For further particulars, under this head, Your Committee refer to Appendix, N° 4.

Your Committee feel it their duty to enter into this statement, in consequence of this item of Expenditure having frequently occupied the attention of the House, as well as of a former Finance Committee, and of a Commission appointed by Parliament to inquire into certain Offices in Ireland; whose Reports have been laid on your table.

With respect to the future management of that department, Your Committee would have felt themselves called upon to have considered in what more efficient manner the duties thereof might be conducted, had they not been aware, that the offices of Commissioners of the Board of Works have been classed with those offices, for the abolition of which provision has been made in a Bill now under the consideration of Parliament; and that power is given to the executive government of Ireland, to make arrangements for the more efficient and economical superintendence of the services of this department.

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Your Committee must however remark, that many of the Charitable Institutions appear to be of very doubtful advantage to those classes of Society in whose favour they have been established; and that the expediency is more than questionable, of drawing together into the Capital of any country large bodies of people desirous of partaking of the temporary support which these Institutions may afford. Nevertheless, Your Committee do not suggest at present any reduction in the amount of their Establishment, understanding that the people of Ireland have been accustomed to look upon them, not only as affording a valuable relief to many cases of great distress, but as proving the liberal disposition of Parliament towards that part of the United Kingdom; when they certainly far exceed any thing of a similar nature in Great Britain.

14 *June* 1817.

LIST OF APPENDIX.

(N° 1.)—Account of the Sums granted by the Irish and Imperial Parliaments, in Premiums for the internal encouragement of Agriculture and Manufactures, &c. on an average of six years from 1794 to 1813, and of four years from 1813 to 1817 - pp. 4 & 5.

(N° 2.)—Account of Sums granted by the Irish and Imperial Parliaments, for Miscellaneous Services, on an average of six years from 1794 to 1813, and also on an average of four years from 1813 to 1817 - - - - - - - - - pp. 6—9.

(N° 3.)—Abstract of the Sums granted by the Irish and Imperial Parliaments, in Premiums for the internal encouragement of Agriculture and Manufactures, and for the maintaining Institutions for pious and charitable purposes, on an average of six years from the year 1794 to 1813, and also on an average of four years from 1813 to 1 January 1817; together with the Grants for Miscellaneous Services - - - p. 10.

(N° 4.)—Board of Works: Grants of the Irish Parliament in six years prior to the Union, and since by the Imperial Parliament - - - - - - - - - p. 11.

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Appendix, - - -

AN ACCOUNT of the SUMS granted by the Irish and Imperial Parliaments, in Premiums for the and Charitable Purposes, on an Average of Six Years, from the Year 1794 to 1813;

	Date of First Grant.	Average of Six Years preceding the 1st January 1800.	Sums voted by the Irish Parliament, Session 1800.	Average of Six Years, from 1st January 1801, to 1st January 1807.
		£.	£.	£.
Protestant Charter Schools	Prior to 1794	13,166	13,000	20,954
Foundling Hospital	Prior to 1794	8,677	9,300	19,583
House of Industry	Prior to 1794	12,051	11,707	19,473
Hibernian Society for Soldiers Children	Prior to 1794	2,000	2,000	5,300
Hibernian Marine Society	Prior to 1794	1,000	1,000	1,903
Lock Hospital	Prior to 1794	4,506	4,898	7,065
Roman Catholic College	1795	5,884	8,000	8,000
Female Orphan House	1800	- - -	500	871
Society for discountenancing Vice	1800	- - -	300	941
Fever Hospital	1802	- - -	- - -	765
Lying-In Hospital	1803	- - -	- - -	1,650
Doctor Stevens's Hospital	1805	- - -	- - -	1,614
Sir Patrick Dunn's Hospital	1807	- - -	- - -	- - -
St. Patrick's Hospital	1811	- - -	- - -	- - -
Green Coat Hospital, Cork	1812	- - -	- - -	- - -
Belfast Academical Institution	1814	- - -	- - -	- - -
Society for the Education of the Poor	1815	- - -	- - -	- - -
Richmond Lunatic Asylum	1816	- - -	- - -	- - -
Hospital for Incurables	1816	- - -	- - -	- - -
£.		47,284	50,705	88,119
Linen Manufacture	Prior to 1794	21,600	21,600	21,600
Board of First Fruits	Prior to 1794	5,000	5,000	13,333
Dublin Society	Prior to 1794	5,500	15,000	10,000
Farming Society	1801	- - -	- - -	2,167
Cork Institution	1808	- - -	- - -	- - -
TOTAL of the above £.		79,384	92,805	135,219
Inland Navigation as applying to Agriculture		- - -	500,000	- - -
TOTAL £.		79,384	592,805	135,219

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Internal Encouragement of Agriculture and Manufactures, and for the maintaining Institutions for Pious and also an Average of Four Years from 1813 to 1st January 1817.

Average of Six Years, from 1st January 1807, to 1st January 1813	Average of Four Years, from 1st January 1813 to 1st January 1817	SUMS Voted for 1816.	SUMS Estimated for 1817.	
£.	£.	£.	£.	
30,514	41,540	41,539	41,539	
28,915	31,213	32,725	35,225	
37,575	46,703	41,210	39,701	
13,645	11,085	8,932	8,399	
2,894	2,903	3,094	2,985	The general principle of Six Years Average has been observed on those Heads, although the Grants to them have been made for years short of that period, as may be observed from the dates annexed in the first Column.
8,886	8,601	9,010	9,010	
9,690	9,673	9,673	9,673	
1,952	2,787	3,437	3,000	
1,808	5,105	8,410	3,716	
2,034	4,500	5,000	5,000	
2,643	3,226	3,411	3,411	
885	1,507	1,590	1,590	
4,872	1,734	777	—	
1,363	—	—	—	
117	200	113	113	
- - -	1,125	1,500 *	1,500*	* *Written in* red, *in the MS. Copy.*
- - -	3,245	6,000	9,653	
- - -	7,070	28,281	7,920	
- - -	126	504	504	
147,793	182,343	205,206	182,939	
21,600	21,600	21,600	21,600	*N. B.*—Two Estimates are withheld, viz. A second Estimate for the Board of First Fruits, and one for the Belfast Academical Institution. The latter has been of late years, about £. 1,500 per annum; the former about £. 50,000, but will not exceed £. 20,000 this year.
34,167	60,000	10,000 } 50,000 }	10,000 } * 20,000 }	
10,333	10,000	10,000	10,000	
5,000	4,979	4,918	4,918	
1,833	2,500	2,500	2,500	
220,726	281,422	304,224	251,957	* *Written in* red, *in the MS. Copy.*
- - -	88,447	53,410	300	
220,726	369,869	357,634	252,257	

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